

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 29, 1860—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DURKEE submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Barbara Glover, formerly the widow of John Smith, praying for a pension for the revolutionary services of said Smith, beg leave to report:*

That the petitioner represents that her first husband, John Smith, was a soldier in the revolution, and performed several tours of service in South Carolina, and in support of this assumption files a certificate from the comptroller of that State, showing that several indents, or certificates, amounting to £97 11s. 5d. sterling, were issued to a soldier or soldiers named John Smith.

The name of John Smith is not so unusual as to warrant the inference that her husband must have performed all the service indicated by these certificates, simply because he bore that name; yet that is the only link which connects him with the payments.

In 1850 the Commissioner of Pensions disallowed this claim, and appeals from his decision were made to Secretaries Ewing and Stewart, of the Interior Department, both of whom affirm the decision.

The committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

